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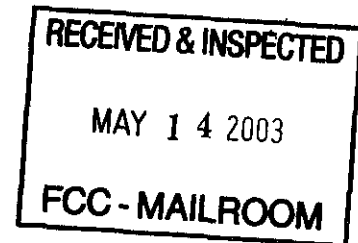
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THE HONORABLE KEVIN J. MARTIN  
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DEAR MR. MARTIN:

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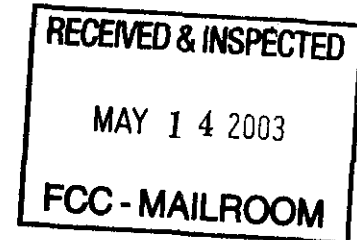
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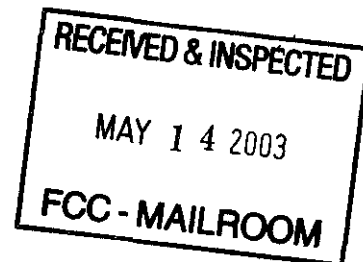
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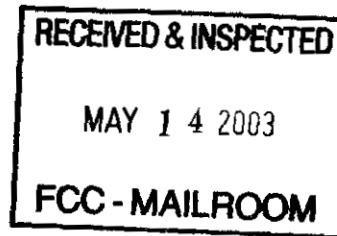
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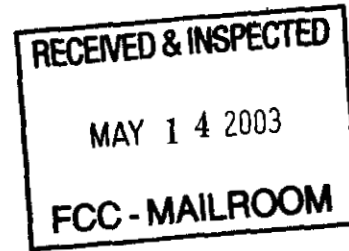
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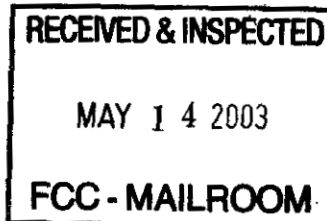
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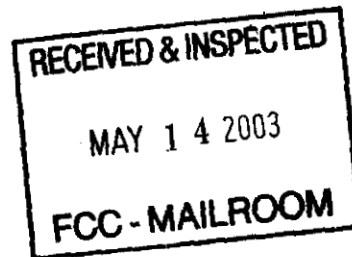
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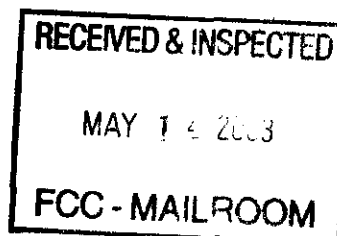
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Federal Communications Commission  
Attention: Chairman and Commissioner's  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Honorable Chairman & Commissioner's:

My husband and I are writing this letter to voice our concern over the proposed changes allowing media conglomerates to gain control of radio and television news and information in communities throughout the U. S. America. They should not be allowed to own a monopoly of stations in order to view only their opinions and keep opposing viewpoints off the air. This is wrong and detrimental to the foundation this great Nation. Everyone has a right to voice their views on important issues; if we don't like what they say, we have a right to "turn the knob off" or change the television channel. We don't need anyone telling us what they want us to know or hear or trying to manipulate our grand- children's thoughts and opinions. There is enough of that in today's world with the garbage programs allowed to be shown on television and by what is allowed to go on in schools today. Changes should be made to clean up the programs shown on television during primetime in the evening and on Saturday's not try to control the American people or manipulate their thoughts.

You are there to protect the American citizens of this great U. S. of America; if you relax the broadcast ownership rules, there will be no protection. First thing you know Christian news and broadcasts will be tampered with or stopped because the media conglomerates don't believe in God or Christian beliefs. We grew up with no television; I was 14 and my husband was in the U. S. Navy; radio was a delight to hear then. If this all takes place, we can do without either believe me.

Sincerely,

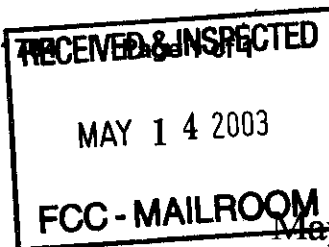
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TO: The Honorable Michael K. Powell, *Chairman*  
The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy, *Commissioner*  
The Honorable Michael J. Copps, *Commissioner*  
The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, *Commissioner*  
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, *Commissioner*

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I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

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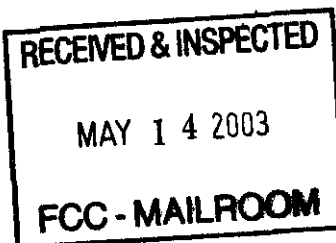
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## NOTES/COMMENTS:

Dear Mr. Copps:

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Subjugation of radio and television information by any commercial interest, regardless of their respective fidelity, is dangerous. And as a "protector" of American interests your office is one of public trust. And it is disconcerting to see any FCC Commissioner, under any circumstance, having the audacity to even consider such a suggestion by commercial interests.

I hope you will take your position of trust seriously, for the benefit of the American people and the preservation of American ideals, and be circumspect in your decision making and reject any such proposal forthwith both now and in the future.

Respectfully,

Steven Morrison, Sr. Managing Partner  
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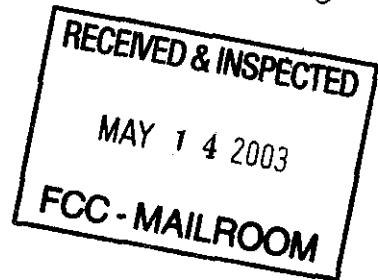
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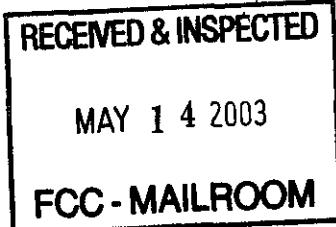
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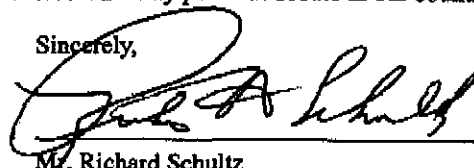
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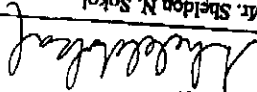
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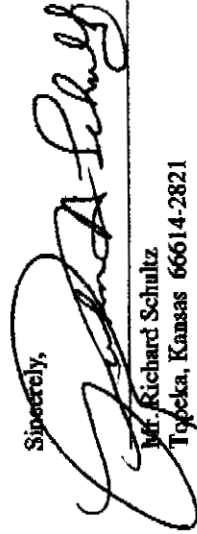
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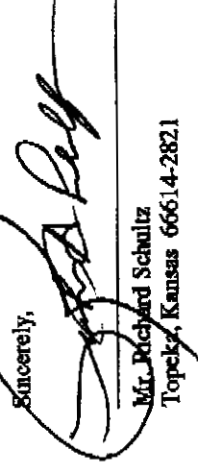
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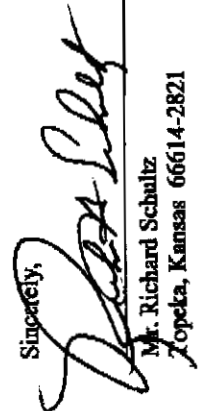
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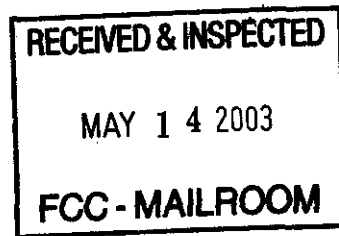


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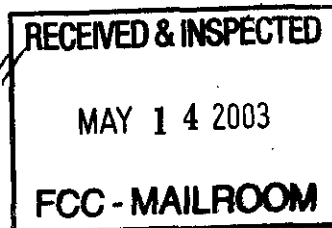
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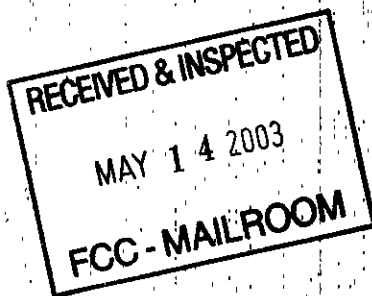
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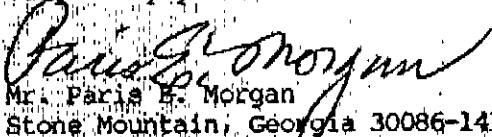
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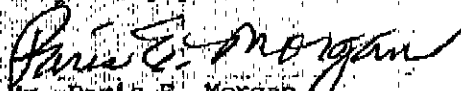
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Subjugation of radio and television information by any commercial interest, regardless of their respective fidelity, is dangerous. And as a "protector" of American interests your office is one of public trust. And it is disconcerting to see any FCC Commissioner, under any circumstance, having the audacity to even consider such a suggestion by commercial interests.

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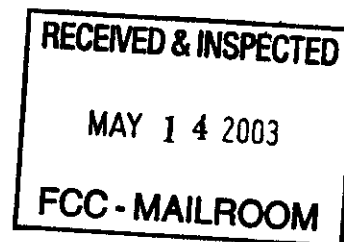


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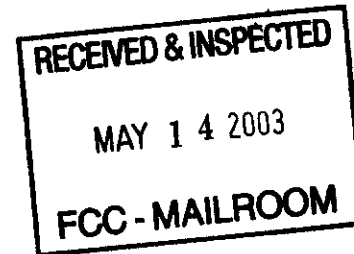
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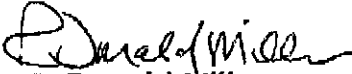
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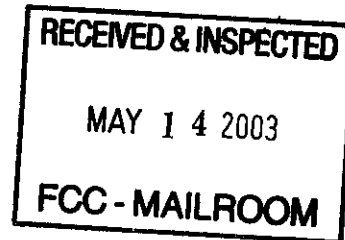
  
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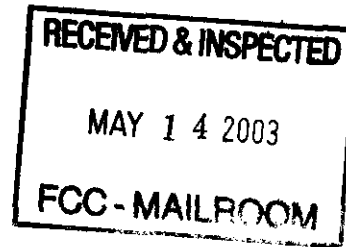
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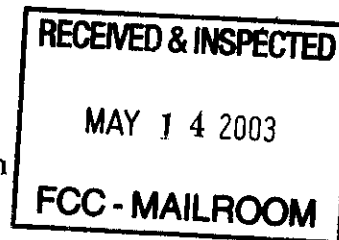
  
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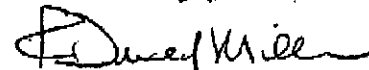
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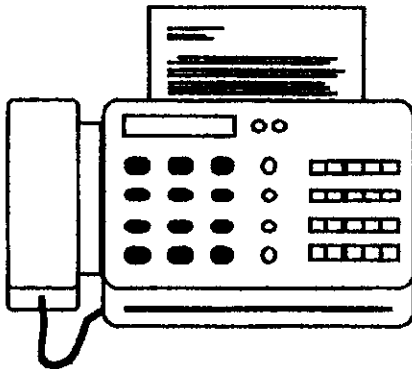
  
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I urge you to **PLEASE PLEASE** not change the rules governing the ownership of the media in this country. The number of voices being heard in this country are numbering fewer and fewer due to mergers and buy-outs. To allow this process to continue has the potential to create great mischief and certainly narrow the the necessary information needed to make an intelligent decision on important issues. We desperately need differing opinions and options. If you choose to take those away there is no way for the public to benefit. You will put great power in the hands of few to the detriment of many.

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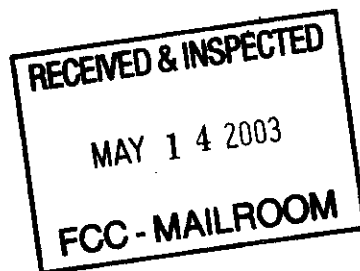
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We just fought a war that revealed the inherent danger of total Iraqi government control of their news media. Why is it difficult to see the same dangers here of monopoly control of media outlets by any entity, government or private?

Many groups have political agendas and that is neither dangerous nor undesirable in our free society. However, it becomes both unless the opposing side has equal access to the public forum in order to present their countervailing views.

Keep the current broadcast ownership rules in place.

Bill Marvel



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